

POLICE REVOLVER DID NOT SLAY VICTIM

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GERMANS LOSE AEROPLANES IN NIGHT RAID ON LONDON

REGULATION GUN OF POLICE DID NOT END LIFE

Morris Pannill, Shot in the Back During the Riot at "Baby Doll's" Club Was Killed by a .32 Caliber Revolver; the Police Weapon is of .38 Caliber.

Comparison between the bullet which snuffed out the life of Morris Pannill, of 203 Golden Hill street, and the hole made by a shot penetrating the inner hall door of "Baby Doll's" Keystone Club, in Water street, proved to the satisfaction of detectives today, that the shot fired by the man Jake Hawkins, better known as "Texas," was not the fatal one.

The ball which killed Pannill was one of .32 caliber, while the hole in the door was made by a .38. Only one shot passed through the woodwork of the door and this, in the opinion of the police, was the one which struck Patrolman McNamara. It was at just the height and angle to have struck a man of McNamara's stature in the thigh.

What puzzles the authorities, however, is the apparent inconsistency of the claims advanced by Pannill before his death, that he was shot by a policeman, when the department regulations expressly specify the .38 caliber as the standard pistol for police officers. Unless he was violating an important rule of the department, no policeman could have fired the .32 which killed the man.

The detective bureau today holds a statement signed and sworn to by Pannill when he was given reason to believe that he was going to die, and in which he repeats his assertion that a police officer shot him. The statement was obtained by detectives at the hospital, and goes into brief detail concerning the occurrences of the Sunday morning at "Baby Doll's" place.

"I went there about 1 o'clock," began Pannill's statement, "and found colored men and women, and white men and women mingling freely together."

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HUSTLING TO CAPTURE RED CROSS PRIZE OF \$500 FOR FIRST TEAM

With one down-town office building turning in an enrollment of 115 per cent. in Red Cross membership; with three other firms in the mercantile district reporting 100 per cent. enrollments of those within their buildings, and with some of Bridgeport's big factories started in earnest on the Red Cross membership drive, Bridgeport's chances of capturing the \$500-a-month prize for the best Connecticut chapter began to brighten up today.

Incidentally, announcement came today from the prize committee, consisting of Morgan G. Bulkeley of Hartford; Col. Isaac M. Ullman of New Haven, and John H. Goss of Waterbury, as to the terms of the contest, and the Bridgeport Red Cross workers started to go after it with a will.

The prize of \$500 a month for the duration of the war, which has been put up by an unknown donor who has deposited \$100,000 with the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, to cover it, will go to that Red Cross chapter in Connecticut which scores the greatest number of "points," and the points will be decided as follows, the committee announced today:

One point to be counted for each per cent. of population enrolled in

REFUSE TO KEEP FOOD PROMISES

Violation of food pledges signed by many proprietors and hotel keepers in this city is charged by the State Food Administrator shortly after the announcement of the appointment of D. Fairchild Wheeler of this city as Deputy United States Food Administrator to act in Fairfield county.

The charges made by the food administrator are to the effect that the restaurants and hotels in this city with few exceptions do not observe "Meatless Thursdays," "Wheatless Wednesdays," or any of the other provisions of the pledges signed by the proprietors and on file at the office of the food administrator in Hartford.

It is further charged that in most cases in this city little or no effort is being made to conserve food and the waste and extravagance in view of present conditions is appalling.

It will be the duty of Wheeler to follow up complaints received by the food administrator and try to organize in this city and vicinity a systematic campaign for the conservation of food stuffs. According to the State Food Administration the lack of food conservation on the part of people of this city might in time of stress, reflect on the chances of relief for the people of Bridgeport.

SPANISH VESSEL, UNWARNED, SUNK BY A SUBMARINE

Paris, Dec. 19.—The torpedoing by a submarine of the Spanish steamer *Novembre*, 3,654 tons gross, is reported in a dispatch from Biarritz to the *Excelsior*, quoting advices received there from Bilbao. Thirty of the crew have been landed. They say the ship was torpedoed without warning at night and that they were all thrown into the sea. After swimming about for an hour they were picked up by French patrol ships which put the submarine to flight.

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Arms Co. Officials On Stand

Heads of the Local Arms Company Inform Senate Military Committee Delay in Rifle Output Due to Changes in Type.

Officials of the Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge Co. were witnesses today before the Senate military committee at Washington. They told the investigators that the delay in supplying army rifles resulted from modifications of the Enfield type of gun. Secretary Daniels was the first witness before the Senate committee which today began an investigation of the Navy Department's war work.

Remington Co. officials told the military committee that factory machinery changes reduced the output of Enfields for England and production will not return to maximum until next May.

A contract with the war department to produce modified Enfields was not completed until last July, President Henry C. Kimball of the Remington company testified. It was October, he said, before machinery changes could be completed to begin output.

Delay in congressional appropriations, Kimball also said, further delayed the output. His firm hesitated to take a contract in the absence of definite appropriations.

The new modified rifle and the American ammunition, Vice President Tyler of the same concern testified, are regarded as superior to British types.

After war was declared in April, he said, the war department immediately began negotiations with them to devote their factories, engaged on a British contract for 400,000 Enfields, to make the modified American type.

"The committee cannot understand why, with war imminent in March, no contract was made until July," said Senator Hitchcock.

Mr. Kimball disclaimed any implication that appropriations delayed production and said negotiations by the war department were promptly begun. If the department had not decided to modify the British Enfield type, he said, his firm could have turned out the Enfield type virtually without any delay.

Both he and Mr. Tyler said the new American rifle is superior, largely due to its ability to use much better American cartridges.

Both manufacturers declared it a "very wise move to adopt the new type, notwithstanding the delay in production."

"It would have been too bad and a great mistake to make the old rifle; compelling the use of much inferior ammunition," said Mr. Kimball.

Senators Hitchcock and Wadsworth asked whether it would not have been better to insure that American, British and French ammunition should be interchangeable.

"If your policy of preparedness had been started early enough it would have been possible," Mr. Kimball answered, adding that rifle machinery in the Remington plants was bought from England by the war department.

"The change in the rifle was absolutely justified by the facility to use the much superior American ammunition," he said.

Secretary Daniels and Paymaster-General McGowan of the navy were the first witnesses summoned to appear before the house naval sub-committee to begin an investigation into the navy's war activities.

Chairman Oliver of the sub-committee announced that part of the sessions would be public, but those at which subjects considered navy secrets were discussed would be held in executive session.

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Fuchs Is Jailed For 6 Months

In View of the Physical Condition of the Prominent Stamford Defendant Court Deals Gently With Alleged Embezzler.

Pleading guilty on two counts of embezzlement of waste bronze amounting to \$3,500 each, Maximilian J. Fuchs of Stamford was sentenced to serve six months in jail on each count, and pay a fine of \$500 on each count. His physical condition was advanced as a reason why the court should show leniency.

Fuchs was general manager of the Baer Brothers bronze powder works in Stamford for a period of 15 years, and was a trusted employee, having taken charge of the plant. During that time, according to allegations made by the owners, Fuchs had been taking waste metal from the plant and selling to a person in New York for his own account. The total sales are alleged to have exceeded \$100,000 in value.

The specific complaints to which Fuchs pleaded guilty are to embezzlement of one lot February 28, 1917, and another lot May 31, each valued at \$3,500.

Civil suits are now pending in the superior court against Fuchs involving similar charges, and he is also named as defendant in a divorce suit brought by his wife.

Fuchs was very prominent in Stamford, widely known, reputed a man of wealth, member of various clubs, one of which State's Attorney Galen Carter was also a member, and the charges created a sensation in social circles when they were made.

Prosecutor Carter said he had been informed that Fuchs suffers from a kidney disease, that he had no wish to impose a penalty which might result in Fuchs' death, and therefore recommended a jail penalty and fine be imposed rather than a state prison sentence.

Judge N. C. Downs, who defended Fuchs, also made a plea for leniency.

AGED BROOKFIELD MAN DROPS DEAD IN CATTLE BARN

Brookfield, Dec. 19.—William H. Camp, 75, a prominent resident of this place, was found dead last night in a barn on his farm, where he had gone to feed the cattle. He had apparently been struck by heart disease and died instantly, still clasping in his arms a bundle of corn stalks. The body was discovered by a neighbor's child who went to the Camp farm on an errand.

FIELD MARSHAL HAIG CHANGING HIS STAFF

London, Dec. 19.—Field Marshal Haig, commander in chief of the British forces in France, the *Times* understands, is making important changes in his headquarters staff, which up to this time has virtually been unaltered since he took over the supreme command.

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TEN DEAD, 70 HURT WHEN AIR FLEET BOMBARDS CITY

LATE WAR BULLETIN

Paris, Dec. 19.—The old French cruiser *Chateaurenault*, 7,898 tons, employed as a transport, was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean on the morning of Dec. 14 and the submarine which attacked her later was destroyed, according to announcement by the French minister of marine. The passengers on the *Chateaurenault* were saved. Ten members of the crew were lost.

London, Dec. 19.—Ten persons were killed and 70 were injured in London during last night's air raid. Outside of London five persons were injured.

The following official communication was given out:

"Last night's air raid casualties were:

"Ten killed and 70 injured in London; only five injured outside London.

"Several fires occurred. The material damage was not serious. There was no damage to naval or military establishments."

One of the German aeroplanes that took part in the raid was brought down and another is believed to have been destroyed, the war office announces. From 16 to 20 raiders, divided into six groups, endeavored to reach London, but only five succeeded in dropping bombs on the city.

There is reason to believe that another raider dropped into the English channel, says the report.

A British pilot fired two drums of ammunition into a raider as it was dropping bombs on London from a height of 13,000 feet.

After the main attacks of the raiders ceased a single aeroplane flew over London at about 9 o'clock.

The raider known definitely to have been destroyed was hit by the fire of anti-aircraft guns and finally dropped into the sea off Kent. Two of the crew of three men were captured alive by an armed trawler.

BRITISH BOMB ENGL AERODROME

London, Dec. 19.—The successful bombing by British naval aircraft of the Engel aerodrome, behind the German lines in Flanders, is announced in today's admiralty statement.

OUST GENERAL SARRAIL FROM SALONIKI POST

London, Dec. 19.—Gen. Sarrail, commander of the Allied armies in Saloniki, has been recalled, according to the newspaper announcement in Athens, says a Reuter dispatch from